Purchase of Discarded Technology from Britain

3028. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to purchase from Britain such technology and equipment for use of or for utilizing the wave energy under the alternative sources development of energy programme, which has been discarded; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this equipment and technology is proposed to be used for a Thermal Power Station at an Enchore Port North of Madras?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

High Growth in Investment recorded by Public Sector Enterprises

3029. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public sector enterprises have recorded a high growth in investment, over a period of 36 years (1951—87);

(b) whether it is also a fact that high growth is not reflected in the net return;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the steps taken to remove the imbalance?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Understaffing of Haryana Post Offices

3030. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disbursement of money orders in Haryana is adversely affected due to understaffing of post offices; and

(b) if so, what arrangements the P&T department has proposed to cope with the said problem and the approximate time by when they expect to overcome the above problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Number of Dead Post Office Saving Bank Accounts

3031. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of dead Post Office Saving Bank accounts in the country circle-wise as on date; and

(b) how they are proposed to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The dead accounts are now called silent accounts. The exercise to declare Savings Accounts silent is done annually during the month of March. The total number of silent accounts as on 31-3-1988 is 2,00,62,791. A Circle-wise statement of silent accounts is attached. (See below).

(b) The deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank are paid into the Consolidated Fund of India. A depositor can revive a silent account or on his/her death the legal heir can claim the amount at credit in accordance with extent rules on the subject.

Statement

No. of Silent Account Circle wise
As on 31-3-88

Name of Circle	No. of Silent Account as on 31-3-88
Andhra Pradesh	12,41,337
Bihar	13,72,037
Delhi	4,94,694
Gujarat	9,45,968
J & K	100,712
Karnataka	8,27,651
Kerala	8,88,375
M.P.	8,06,207
Maharashtra	21,17,953
North East	2,15,558
Assam	5,26,952
Haryana	4,81,871
Punjab	11,09,633
Himachal Pradesh	1,97,385
Orissa	12,24,611
Rajasthan	7,58,351
Tamil Nadu	11,58,186
U.P.	33,37,230
West Bengal	21,48,308
Base	1,09,772
TOTAL	2,00,62,791

Fiddled Inventory Valuation in the Accounts of Hindustan Lever Limited

3032. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Lever Limited has fiddled with inventory valuation in its accounts for 1987 as reported in "Dalal Street Journal" of Bombay of May 9, May 22, 1988; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The auditors have reported that the company's annual accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1987 give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company. It has also been, *inter-alia* stated by them that the valuation of stocks is fair and proper in accordance with the normally accepted accounting principles and is on the same basis as in the previous year.

(b) Does not arise.

Non-implementation of the decision to import truck and bus tyres

3033. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to import truck and bus tyres in order to pressurise the domestic tyre manufacturers to reduce tyre prices;

(b) whether bureaucratic delays have led to virtual shelving of the decision; and

(c) if so, by the decision has not been implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government have placed import of certain categories of bus and truck tyres on O.G.L. at a reduced rate of duty in order to keep a check on prices of such tyres.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) It is open to the eligible categories of users to import the specified categories of bus and truck tyres.